

News & Notes

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2024 Gray Family Foundation Grant Recipients

We are honored to support the work of schools and community-based organizations around Oregon through our grantmaking. In the second quarter, the Gray Family Foundation board provided grants totaling \$1,033,875 to 42 organizations. Grants were made through our Environmental Education, Geography Education, Outdoor School, and Camp Maintenance programs as well as our Action Fund to Advance Equity initiative.

We are pleased to share in this work and look forward to the opportunity to continue to learn from our grantees. If you have questions about our grant priorities or any of the projects listed on our <u>grant list</u>, please reach out to Nell Tessman, Program Officer, at <u>ntessman@grayff.org</u>.



Grantee Highlights

Rios to Rivers

Students and staff from <u>Rios to River's Paddle Tribal</u> <u>Waters</u> team visited Washington D.C. in February and in April where they were able to speak at the White House, participate in the Native Youth Leadership Summit, and share their poetry at the Kennedy Center. <u>Read more</u> about their meaningful experiences and how their visits will have a lasting impact.



Rogue Climate

For young people living in Southern Oregon, the impacts of climate change - wildfires, smoke, flooding, drought, and heat - have been front and center for most of their lives, impacting everything from the local economy to their own mental health and well-being. <u>Click here</u> and learn more about how Rogue Climate and Rogue Action Center's Youth Leadership Initiative is equipping young minds to combat climate change.



Philanthropy NW's EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program

Philanthropy Northwest, in partnership with an extensive network of regional partners across Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and tribal communities, has been selected to serve as Region 10 grantmaker for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) newly established Environmental Justice Thriving Communities (EPA EJTC) Grantmaking Program.

They are committed to ensuring the equitable and accessible distribution of the resources. Their goal is to ensure that these critical funds reach the communities that need them most, enhancing both environmental conditions and overall quality of life for historically underinvested communities.

To receive updates about the grant application process, eligibility criteria and upcoming informational sessions you can <u>subscribe to their emails</u> and continue to <u>check their</u> <u>website</u>.

The Spring 2024 CLEARING June issue is here

<u>CLEARING</u> Magazine offers environmental literacy education to the Pacific Northwest and Cascadia bioregion. Their monthly newsletter highlights environment education articles and shared upcoming events around the region. The June issue is now available and gives a guide to implementing place-based education in the classroom. <u>Read More.</u>

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